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In re Application of)

Rabah BOUKHERROUB)

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Examiner: DAHIMENE, Mahmoud

For: PASSIVATION OF POROUS SEMICONDUCTORS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED October 17, 2005

December 19, 2005

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
U.S.A.

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 17, 2005, the applicants respectfully elect the claims of Group I – Claims 1 to 25 for further examination purposes.

It is however noted that claims of Group II are dependent on claims of Group I, and therefore it is believed that such claims should be allowable in the event that claims of Group I are allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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